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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: STABILIZING COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO  
ANIONIC ASSOCIATIVE POLYMERS, THEIR USE FOR  
STABILIZATION OF NON-SOLID COMPOSITIONS, AND  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE STABILIZING  
COMPOSITION

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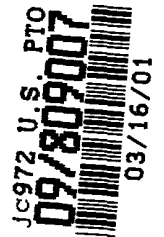
Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 35 pages, including 5 independent claim(s) and 76 claims total.
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), PTO Form 1449  
and five references
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:
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| Total Claims                               | 76               | - | 20    | 56           | x \$18 | 1,008.00    |
| Independent Claims                         | 5                | - | 3     | 2            | x \$80 | 160.00      |
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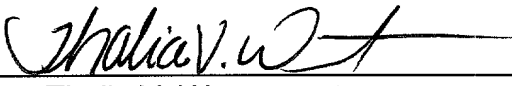
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